

Remarks

The Office Action mailed October 18, 2006, has been carefully reviewed and the foregoing amendment has been made in consequence thereof.

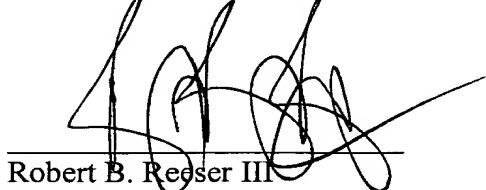
Claims 1, 3, 4, 6-10, 12-16, 19, and 20 are now pending in this application. Claims 6-10 and 12-16 are allowed. Claims 1, 3, 4, 19 and 20 stand rejected. Claims 2, 5, 11, 17, and 18 have been canceled.

The objection to Claims 2, 5, 11, 17, and 18 is respectfully traversed. Claims 2, 5, 11, 17, and 18 have been canceled. Accordingly, the objection is moot.

The rejection of Claims 1-4, 19, and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, is respectfully traversed. Applicants have amended Claims 1, 19, and 20 to address the issues raised in the Office Action. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the 112 rejection be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, all the claims now active in this application are believed to be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

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